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GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR THE TRUTH

BUT I KNOW CHRIST

E. Margaret Clarkson

I do not know tomorrow's way,
  If dark or gladsome it may be;
But I know Christ, and, come what may,
  I know that He abides with me!

I do not know what may befall,
  Of grief or sadness, peace or pain;
But I know Christ, and through it all,
  I know His presence will sustain.

I do not know what may be mine
  Of gleam or glory, dark or light;
But I know Christ, in shade or shine—
  I know that He will guide aright.

I do not know when evening falls,
  If soon or late earth's day grows dim;
But I know Christ, and when He calls,
  I know He'll call me home to Him!

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20 1 TIM. 3:15

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"This I know; for God is for me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid," Psa. 56:9, 11.

Sept. 7, 1946

NOTICES...

I desire a two or three-room house trailer to be used in evangelistic work in the Church of God.—Rev. V. E. Sechler, P. O. Box 361, Huntington Beach, Calif.

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I would like to have Church of God literature to be distributed in places where needed.—Charles McRae, Gen. Del., Pavo, Ga.

DEATH

BROTHER POTTS

Brother Arthur Potts passed on to be with Jesus July 22, 1946. He was a good member of the Church of God, and he was also a minister of the gospel. His death is deeply mourned by all as he was well loved. Please pray for his wife and children.—His pastor, Rev. V. E. Sechler, Huntington Beach, Calif.

Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body.—Susie J. Turner, Parrish, Fla.

God to heal my body. My legs are almost paralyzed.—Hugh Lee Gibson, Rt. 2, Cullman, Ala.

My son to be healed of ulcerated stomach, and that he will be saved.—Mrs. L. J. Cox, Rt. 3, Box 8, Colquitt, Ga.

The healing of my daughter.—Gatsey Rentz, 203 B Momten St. Liberty Homes, N. Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Wyatt, who has been in the hospital for five years with the palsy. Also pray that God will send someone here to this needy field to hold a revival campaign.—Mrs. Rachel Sheets, 509 North Water St., Ellensburg, Wash.

My healing. I have inward goiter. ——Mrs. G. C. Key, Rt. 2, Dora, Ala.

God to undertake for a special request.—Mrs. E. E. Trumbo, Rt. 2, Box 472, Rayville, La.

God to give us a place in which to worship at Plymouth, N. C.—Sister Ward, Williamston, N. C.

The healing of my body. I have arthritis and have been unable to walk for eleven years. The healing of Mrs. Idell Anderson, of Grimesland, N. C.; also the salvation of my stepfather.—Miss Magdalene Baker, Rt. 2, Ayden, N. C.

The healing of Sister Pressley's daughter, an unspoken request, and the healing of my body.—Mrs. Ova Combs, N. Matewan, W. Va.

God to heal my body. My heart is very bad, I have sugar diabetes, and double goiter.—Mrs. Mary Faulkner, Rt. 2, Booneville, Miss.

REPORTS

Oregon Youth Convention and Camp Meeting

The youth convention and camp meeting for the state of Oregon, convened at Troutdale, Oregon, June 23-30, at the Christian Advent campground, on the bank of the Sandy River.

This was the first convention of its kind in this part of the country. It was well-attended. A number were saved, sanctified, and some filled with the Holy Ghost. Five joined the church and eighteen were baptized in water. The presence of the Lord was really felt in the services. Some of the people prayed all night on one occasion.

Rev. H. D. Statum, state overseer of Idaho and Nevada, was guest speaker of the convention. Each morning at ten o'clock we had a Bible study, taught by Rev. E. E. Coleman, principal of the Spokane Bible School. Sister Laverne Selman, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, had charge of the evening devotional services.

Rev. Burtt, of the Christian Advent Church, preached a very timely message on one afternoon of the convention. We also enjoyed the messages preached by our ministers of Oregon.

Rev. W. H. Ward had charge of the music, and he arranged some good specials. Rev. and Mrs. Syverson and David of Central America, added a great blessing to these meetings. They also took part in the mission service.

Our good state overseer, Rev. C. C. Rains, spoke to us on several occasions, and we enjoyed it. Brother Rains has been a real blessing to the work in the states of Washington and Oregon.

We were glad to have with us Brother and Sister Trietch and their daughter, of Florida, who came out just in time for the convention. They are going to work with us, and we appreciate them very much.

Please pray for the work here.—Mrs. E. E. Coleman, convention clerk.

ASHLAND, Alabama.—I praise God for the wonderful Alabama camp meeting which is now in history. It was enjoyed by many, on the new campground between Birmingham and Bessemer. It began the 4th of July and closed the 9th. I had the privilege of attending each service, except one sunrise service and one Bible study.

The sunrise services were good. The Bible study was a lesson to us all, which was taught by Brother Bright, pastor of Alabama City. The eleven o'clock messages were soul-stirring and especially Brother Chesser's Sunday morning message on missions. The attendance was so large that the tent couldn't seat all the people. Each evening it was overcrowded. The two o'clock messages were inspiring and also the evening messages. Brother R. P. Johnson, Brother Earl P. Paulk, and other visiting ministers brought the evening messages. The altar was filled and many souls prayed through to victory. The closing message of the camp meeting was preached by Jake Roberts. It was a wonderful message. He surely did work in getting the camp ground ready. The meeting was well put over, by the help of God and the cooperation of each minister in the state. The special music and singing, as well as the choral singing, was a blessing to each service.

Many are building or getting ready to build their new cabins on the campground to use next year.—Mrs. J. C. Pinion.

PRAYER COINS

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By REV. M. M. MORTENSON

THE MINISTER AND YOUTH

"It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth," Lam. 3:27.

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls," Matt. 11:29.

I should like to point out our relationship to youth and their problems with reference to Christ, the Bible, education, modern pleasure, companionship, leadership, and marriage.

As ministers, standing at VANTAGE POINT, viewing youth of America and of the world, but especially of our own Church, in its social and religious environ, we are ASTOUNDED! YOUTH is before us with its multitudinous TENSIONS, PROBLEMS, and CONFLICTS. Before God Almighty we dare not, concerning any of their frustrations, fold our arms and say, by word or action, "It is nothing to us!" We must honestly and conscientiously seek to be the MENTOR of youth!

The first and paramount need of youth is to know CHRIST as a PERSONAL SAVIOR. Youth must be shown by faithful preaching and personal counsel, that the SUPREME PURPOSE of LIFE is to know CHRIST, and that, LIFE is INFINITELY HAPPIER and more beautiful in His glad service! If we are successful in assistance in ever so many other matters of interest to youth, but fail in directing them to Christ, we have utterly failed! Nothing, simply nothing; is as IMPORTANT as youth's ACCEPTANCE of Christ as Lord and Savior!

I think EDUCATION would naturally come next. Youth has a right to education, and we should be leaders to encourage their pursuit of it. Not one Church of God preacher should be guilty of OBSCURANTISM (opposition to the advancement or spreading of knowledge or learning). George William Curtis was right when he said: "Education makes men great. The Revolutionary leaders were all trained men, as the world's leaders always have been from the day when Themistocles led the educated Athenians at Salamis, to that when Von Moltke marshaled the educated Germans against France. The sure foundations of states are laid in KNOWLEDGE, not in ignorance; and every sneer at education, at book learning, which is the recorded wisdom of the experience of mankind, is the demagogue's sneer at intelligent liberty, inviting national degeneration and ruin." Let us never allow, without challenge, youth's repetition of the devilish phrase "science and religion conflict"; but rather be prepared to prove to them that "true science and true religion can never conflict." While it is true that there is a great gulf between secular and religious education, if our youth is taught aright in our homes and churches, when high school and college days come, their faith will be UNSHAKEN. I think it would be most helpful for ministers, unless they are fully aware of the sinister goings on in educational institutions, to read Dan Gilbert's "Crucifying Christ in Our Colleges." And too, the minister who wishes to meet intelligently the atheistic, evolutionary trends of the schools, will inform himself accordingly, directing youth away from "oppositions of science falsely so called," 1 Tim. 6:20, into the TRUTH as set forth in the Holy Scriptures. I know of nothing like Dr. Harry Rimmer's books, "Modern Science and the Genesis Record," and "The Theory of Evolution and the Facts of Science." Dr. Rimmer has unearthed over 3,000 human skeletons and is president of a scientific research bureau. He is a match to any scientist, believes the Word of God to be free from scientific error, and offers $5,000 to any one who can prove any such error.

Our young people face difficult times. This Twentieth Century, with its intoxicating liquors, corrupting movie craze, lustful dance, roadhouse, divorce-broken homes, materialism, religious intolerance, bigotry and empty forms. Randolph C. Miller of Church Divinity School of Pacific, Berkley, California, in "Religious Education," March-April, 1946, issue, writing under the caption, "Bobby Sox Religion," said, "The youngsters are more likely to follow the 'gang' than the dictates or hopes of their parents." That is precisely

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RELIGION... and the World

• BY THE EDITOR •

Jews Suffered in Russia

Jewish Missionary Magazine reported that of the 150,000 Jews who escaped from Germany to occupied Poland, "one third died in six years." They were kept at heavy forest labor with criminals, in Siberia and other frozen lands."

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The Sunday School

A national Gallup poll in Canada, conducted in the summer of 1945, revealed that one of every ten persons could not name even one of the Ten Commandments, and one out of three could not name three. These people would have known the Ten Commandments and much more if they had attended Sunday School when they were children.

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God was grieved because they "erred in their heart," and therefore they "did not, believe." Therefore, God declared that they "should not" enter into rest. Because of these failures, we are warned to "harden not" our hearts, because if we "believe not" we "cannot" inherit the promises of God.

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Strange Indeed

If, as *Western Voice* says, "Kurt Singer, advocating the hanging of preachers, is on the radio of America, the country he wants destroyed, while gospel preachers are daily being denied the right even to buy time in competition with commercial users, the reason why many ministers have been put off the air is all the more apparent. This man who insists churches should be closed and Christians terrorized is a speaker over Station WLIB in Flatbush section of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Affectionate Prayer

"I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers," Philemon 4. Here is an apostle praying "always" for a converted slave. It was not the importance of the slave, it was not his brilliance of learning nor yet his dignified position from a worldly standpoint. An affection born out of the spirit of love and of Christ evaluated this slave, and prompted the constant and fervent prayers prayed for him. Such affection would inspire prayer of a kind that would bring results. This kind of prayer will make an individual or a church, or the whole Church of God, a winner.

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Palestine and the Jews

An Associated Dispatch from London, as of July 31, states that Britain has finally announced a conditional acceptance of a plan to divide Palestine into four federal provinces to permit the immediate entry into Palestine of 100,000 European Jews, provided the United States will provide financial aid to further Arab economic development. This move at least gives the Jews further aid and a stronger grip on Palestine. The Jews will eventually get Palestine, according to the Word of God.

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The Gospel in England

Christian Life states that "ninety per cent of the population claim no religious affiliation of any kind." Bishop Chavasse said, "There can be no hope whatsoever of successful actions toward the conversion of England until England has become a network of parish prayer meetings." The Committee on Evangelism recommended to the British Council of Churches that "a more serious account be taken of evangelistic preaching" in view of the "widely prevailing ignorance of the Bible and of everything connected with the life of the Church. We urge that the first task of evangelistic preaching to the masses should be a simple and straightforward presentation of the historical Jesus."

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Jewish Hardships

London reports that plans are now being made for a mass exodus of 50,000 Jews across the Polish-German border into the area of Stettin, according to Joseph Goodman. All Jews are reported planning to leave Poland. Jewish terror continues and the government is reported to be powerless to stop it. Cemeteries are desecrated on a large scale. Practically all tombstones have disappeared from Cracow cemetery. A mass grave of 10,000 has been turned into a playground. Thousands of Jews are reported to be fleeing into Austria. Russia is expected to bring the Palestine Issue before UN Conference. I mentioned sometime ago that Russia would give the Jews help if Britain and the U. S. failed to do so. Russia will be on the opposite side of everything, adverse to Britian and the U. S.

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15,000,000 Homes

Just what will happen if the United States builds 15,000,000 homes, financed with government loans and purchased at prices too high for many GI's to pay for them? These homes would naturally enough be lost to the U. S. Government, and the occupants either become a social pawn or without homes of their own. The Government may become the greatest real estate owner of all time. As a matter of fact, there is not now, nor will there be, any demand for 15,000,000 homes. At five occupants to the home, these buildings would house 75,000,000 people, or more than half of the present population. If such a gigantic number of homes are built, there will be depression and hardship resultant. "They eat, they drank, they bought, they sold and they built" is the last-day trimmings prophecy has tagged a dying age with, as indicative of lack of knowledge of the coming of Christ to earth again.

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Gideons' Testaments

Rev. H. Muller, international president of Gideons, stated that plans "for placing a New Testament in the hands of every child in America between the ages of ten and thirteen, who wants one, will require 30,000,000 Testaments, of which 2,500,000 Testaments will be placed yearly.

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LOVE

ATOMIC ENERGY Vs. POWER OF GOD

H. C. SMITH

Text: Luke 16:8, "... *The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.*"

Many times, on studying this text carefully, we have been impressed by its apparent significance. But now, since we can see more clearly into its inner chamber, we are truly astonished at its possibilities. Truly this present time is the all-high time of achievement for scientists (generation of light), to search out and bring into being the wonders of Nature's secrets.

With the energy of the atom, the least of all God's creative matter, men of the world, men of this generation, scientists who are in their light the world's geniuses, have brought before us the astounding truth of secret treasures that belong to the elemental forces of God's creative matter; such as water, fire, and minerals of the earth. Through enlightenment, they have, in the atom, procured and harnessed power to be released again to destroy a city. This staggering test to mind's conception, was, however, accomplished after much strain and waitened discipline to the men of such categorical assignment. It was brought into being after much research, and test after test in many laboratories. Everything that makes up a human being's capacity of ingenuity was indeed utilized and exhausted for this colossal achievement.

It certainly is a most staggering thing to even think about—the atom, the invisible of all creative matter, to prove to be the most powerful.

Strange, isn't it, that man is in the light of such proportions! Strange, too, that men of the world had faith to equip themselves to attack the various atoms for greater power, for greater needs in energy! Yes, it is a known fact that atoms have given up the energy which we have been enjoying for sometime (electricity) and it is just now acknowledged by the "Mystic Guild" of scientists that we actually live of them.

Let such statements be to the individual who lacks knowledge, as it may, but we choose to further our thoughts to the atom as a colossal force of power distributed.

The children of this world (light's generation) were not contented to stop with the energy that the orbit of the atom gave up to the human world. They called a council of "thinkers." Thinking was their job. Though much thinking and studying was wearisome to the flesh, and extremely so, from those minds of thinking men came the opinion, through driven force of God, that by smashing the atom's core, behold the atom contained a nucleus embodied with energy unheard of for power. So, equipment and far-fetched delicate instruments to assimilate and utilize such power were brought into being. And, of course, the world at large now has at least a vague idea of atomic energy (nucleus).

But I want to talk about something else now, and it is about the little four-lettered word at the top of this short article—LOVE. I wonder if we haven't just been speaking and working from the surface of this word's meaning, and not aware of what it embodies? We need, as it were, an atom smasher! Have we not the assurance that charity (love) never faileth? Yes, it says that. The love of God is the most beneficial and forceful power to the human family, and it has been given to us to smash into its center by prayer and supplication and see what has come to us, humanity, from God through Christ His Son; also, in as much realism as He gave the atom to us in creation. Only we have not sought and discovered the real power of the word "love" and all that the word genders in meaning.

Love has power to save the world. Atom energy has power to destroy the world. Then, the fact is this. We, as the children of light are challenged with this fact. God, in His infinite wisdom, has given understanding to the category of intellect, wisdom of this world, men of light, this generation of scientists, to seek out and complete into production a matter of entire entity of destruction to self and the world. Then, if God will do that to men of the world, surely and truly He will give us the knowledge to smash that little word "love" into "fissions" of love particles, to reach the hearts of men to the salvation of their souls.

This world shall pass away, yes, with all the atoms thrown in; but "my words," with my love, "shall never pass away." And why? Because God is love.

We have, in a measure, used the substance of love's orbit, but we have not as yet reached the nucleus of God's love (God's heart).

Now, I shall give just one scripture of God's promise to man; though we have many scriptures of prophecy concerning it. God says, in 1 Cor. 1:28, that He hath chosen things which are not to bring to naught things that are, meaning that He would utilize things, secret things, things invisible, things unseen, possibly atoms, to bring to naught, nothing, the cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which scripture has been demonstrated.

Now, the scripture commands you and me, as the children of light, to know the love of Christ. Eph. 3:19. It is found in God's laboratory by seeking, pressing. We need to reach the nucleus of love, the heart of it; to KNOW. To think of the love of Christ and talk of its glorious attributes of quality, blessings and benefits is one thing, and to KNOW the love of Christ is another thing.

Psa. 62:11 says, "All power belongeth unto God." There is power in love that reaches farther than the atomic power. There is sufficient power in the love of Christ to make the atomic power obsolete at this time. Though, during the reign with Christ on earth, I think He will, perhaps, let man utilize such energy into perfection, and will make this age, looking back to it, seem primitive.

Now let us go before God as "the children of light" and tarry for and until we know the love of Christ, for His sake and for the world's good, "for charity never faileth." Amen.

The Book of all books tells us we should "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." And in another portion it tells us these precious words: "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men," 2 Cor. 8:21. It surely pays to be honest with God and man.

The language of the cross is a universal language.

Fruit of the Spirit

By Mrs. J. F. Lowe

TEXT: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance . . ."* Gal. 5:22, 23.

One thing that is puzzling to the sinner today is how can people have the Holy Ghost when the fruit of the Spirit is lacking in their lives. My only answer, dear sinner, to this all-important question is that they just don't have the Holy Ghost dwelling within, for certainly if the Holy Spirit is living within our hearts, the world can see the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

Rom. 8:9, "Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." This brings it down very close, and the time has come that the world wants to see some fruit of the Spirit.

The Holy Ghost will speak in other tongues when necessary. It is just as real today as on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2. But God doesn't waste time nor words. When the Holy Ghost speaks, there is power behind it and results will follow. People will know it is the real power of God. We can't fool them. They no longer accept the speaking in tongues as the only evidence of the Holy Ghost, but are looking for the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Has God not given us preachers, teachers, etc., for the perfecting of the saints? Eph. 4:11-16.

If we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Gal. 5:16. Let us read carefully and prayerfully the works of the flesh, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Let us define each of these works of the flesh and see if we are fulfilling the lust of the flesh or being led by the Holy Spirit. Where any of the works of the flesh exist, it causes confusion, for the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. The Holy Ghost will not dwell where there is confusion, for God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. Therefore, God looks into our hearts, and if He finds confusion there, He will not send the Holy Ghost.

Where the Holy Ghost is there is power. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me," Acts 1:8. We receive power for service. He is a great teacher, too. Peter was an unlearned and ignorant man, yet when the Holy Ghost came upon him he preached one of the most wonderful sermons ever preached. The results were three thousand souls saved. Yes, when the Holy Ghost speaks, something happens. Where the Holy Ghost is, there is conviction of sin and souls will be saved. This experience will bring about a great revival, even now.

Christian friends, wake up! Can't you feel and see the need of a great spiritual awakening in our land today? Let us cleanse ourselves and humble our hearts before God and pray until the Holy Ghost can come in. Then God can use us in the saving of lost souls. Let us tarry before God until we are endued with power from on high. The Holy Ghost gives us boldness. Read Acts 4:5-15. Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, spoke unto the rulers of the people. When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled, and took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. This was nothing more than the Holy Ghost speaking through Peter, and results followed. When our hearts and minds are wholly yielded to God, the Holy Ghost can use us and speak through us, and souls will be won for Christ. Phillip was led by the Spirit when he met the eunuch. The result was that the eunuch was saved and baptized.

Let us read about a Holy-Ghost-filled church in Acts 5:12-16; 1 Thess. 1:1-10, then ask ourselves one question. Are we not like Peter before he was filled with the Holy Ghost, following Jesus afar off? We only have a short time to work. Souls are lost and their blood will He require at our hands. It is time to arouse out of our sleep and unconcerned condition and be filled with the Spirit. We will most certainly be workers for the Lord if we are filled with the Holy Ghost. We see and know, and the leaders of nations are beginning to see, that what we need most today is a great world-wide spiritual awakening. Let us let it begin in us.

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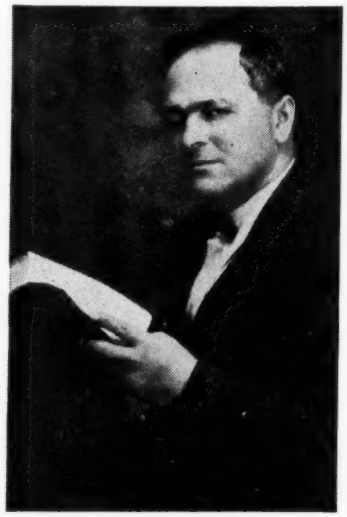

J. C. CHILDERS

Rev. J. C. Childers departed this life to be with the Lord April 5, 1946. Many ministers and members of the Church will regret to learn of his death. He was an outstanding minister of the Church of God for more than twenty-five years, and was pastor of the church at Fort Mill, S. C., at the time of his death. Many years ago, he took God for his healer and trusted Him to the end. Perhaps there is no other minister in South Carolina whose influence has had so much effect upon the ministry of the State. Most of the pallbearers were ministers and converts of Brother Childers.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. R. P. Johnson, assisted by the state overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, and Rev. J. L. McCoy.

Christian Examination

EVERETT FEARER

Perhaps this subject seems strange but in natural life it requires an examination or an inventory constantly to operate any and all types of business regardless of how large or how small. When times get hard the depression presses sore, then is when great pains are taken to make an accurate examination to see where one stands. I feel sure you and I need to see where we stand with the Lord today. Do we have what we profess?

Listen, Christians (not professors, but possessors), it is high time we were examining ourselves and checking the Word of God to see wherein we stand with God and where we are falling short in our Christian life. There is not one second to waste. The storm is coming. The clouds are gathering thick and fast and it is beginning to thunder in a distance, and who will be able to survive the storm?

When a person begins to feel bad in body it isn't long until that individual begins to wonder what is wrong. They continue possibly for a year or so and finally the body is entirely broken down; they are not able to work, perhaps confined to bed. Immediately the specialists and great physicians of the world are called, examinations are made from head to toe, and the last dollar is spent to save their life and restore their health again.

Today, how many Christian people, saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the great Church of God, are saying, "I don't feel like I once felt. I don't feel the presence and power of God like I did when I got the Holy Ghost." It was not God's fault. If we don't have greater faith now than we did when we were saved, more power with God; if it is not easier to pray, easier to overcome temptations, it is time that we rush to the Great Physician to have an examination by the One that is able to heal both soul and body. Can we pray through any more, and does the Holy Ghost speak. Why doesn't He?

We are living in one of the greatest days of deception this world ever knew. We like to sound the trumpet loud, "I'm saved, sanctified, have the precious Holy Ghost, and belong to the great Church of God." Be careful; you hesitated in telling an untruth when you were yet in sin, and I am sure you don't want to tell any now. Do you love to read and study the Bible like you did when you were first saved? Do you pray and have family prayer? Do you trust God for your healing? Do you fast and pray, visit the sick and pray with them and instruct them in the way of righteousness? Where is the power of God? If these things are missing in our Christian life, we are spiritually sick and we need an examination by the Great Physician, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When Saul could not pray through any longer, he had to go to a witch to find out what to do. I don't know why I am writing like this. I don't have any desire to talk hard or scold. I am writing this with much tears and love in my heart. The need of the hour is great.

We used to see the sick healed and many other wonderful miracles wrought. Are these things being done as Jesus did them? God is looking for an honest heart He can use, but He can only use the ones with the fruits of the Spirit in full operation in their lives.

It was claimed a few years back, that some ministers had a hobby. For example, they preached about short dresses or painting the face or tithes or finger rings or going to shows. It would be a blessed thing if every minister and every child of God would preach about every one of these so-called hobbies every service until the Christian people repented and came clean with God. I'm not teasing, either. God, help us to be men and women for God.

Where are our mothers today? Just count the number of mothers today, regardless of whether young or old, that wear their dresses to their knees, and above. I mean in the church, too. I know a number of mothers fifty to sixty-five years of age who have been in the holiness way twenty years and more, who always dressed as God would have them to, and they just recently shortened their dresses (what for?) and cut their hair and got a permanent wave, and are still working in the churches.

God spared not the angels that sinned. What are we that God should be mindful of us? When Adam and Eve were in the garden, they were just given two commandments, one to dress the garden and the other not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and when they disobeyed or sinned they were cast out of the garden, never to return. And, when they sinned it not only brought a curse on man but it brought a curse on the entire creation.

Just stop and think, when you and I sin, on how many does the curse fall?

Have Faith in God

EARL A. CRIPPS

Faith enthrones Jesus. Like the centurion, it gives the God who said, "Let there be light, and there was light," credit for being able to just speak the word and the thing is done. It is the finite graspings of the Infinite's conception of things, for by it we understand that the worlds were formed; the elders obtained a good report, also Noah, Abraham, and Moses; the violence of fire was quenched; the mouths of lions were stopped, and time would fail to tell of things it has accomplished.

Well should Jesus, when He was upon earth, marvel at the people's unbelief and hardness of heart; but, thank God, some made Him marvel at their faith (if only by contrast), and the aforesaid centurion was the one who made Him marvel most. This man came up to Jesus and said, "Lord, just speak the word and my servant twenty miles away will be healed. You do not need to come to the house for I am a man also in authority and I know what authority is. I say to a man, Go, and he goeth, to another, Come, and he cometh. Now you have all authority in heaven and in earth. You control the sun, moon, and stars. You are the 'boss' of sickness. Just speak the word and my servant will

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NEEDED - MEN!

By J. L. Thornhill

Text: *"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"* Rom. 10:14.

Before our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, laid aside His royal garments of glory to come down into a world "draped in night," He knew the needs, as well as the paths of all men. It has always pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save men. Again we read, "And I sought for a MAN among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it: but I found none," Ezek. 22:30.

The pressing concern of all of us should be that God find His man. Man has always needed God and the gospel preached to him, because of sin. Listen to a quotation from a sermon preached by St. Elroy, in the Seventh Century:

"It is not enough, most dearly beloved, for you to have received the name of Christians if you do not do Christian works . . . love your neighbors as yourselves; what you would desire to be done to you by others, that do you to others; what you would not have done to you, do to no one; before all things have charity, for charity covereth a multitude of sins; be hospitable, humble, casting your care upon God, for He careth for you; visit the sick; seek out the captives; receive strangers; feed the hungry; clothe the naked; set at naught soothsayers and magicians; let your weights and measures be fair, your balance just, your bushel and your pint honest . . . "

Good advice for us? Yes, good ameliorating advice, I think. We truly should direct our attention to that man whom God needs. The whole world is questing for an able, discretional man. We may preach on "Where Is the Lord God of Paul?" but it is not He who is missing—it is Paul. When there comes forth from today's harvest of faithless, prayerless, visionless, trustless and hopeless churchmen, a person with the heart of Paul, then there shall be wrought in today's world Paul-like miracles. God needs men who can abhor sin and love the poor sinner; who opposes himself; a man who can resist the devil and submit himself to God. Yes, the Lord needs men who will dare to stand shoulders and head above the common Christians of today. Shall we not strive to be those men? Not long since the Chief Executive of the United States said in one of his speeches, "Oh, for men like Elijah, Isaiah, Peter, James, John, and Paul!" Public men and private, everywhere, agree that America's future happiness is jeopardized or threatened for lack of a good, clear-visioned, leader. Who is there among us that can guide the Nation toward unity? From today's generation there must of necessity emerge a good man capable of righteous leadership, if this old sin-cursed world is to survive.

NEEDED—MEN OF FAITH

After men of God have exerted all their energy and prayed, they must, yes must, believe. God desires to have men like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the twelve apostles, men who can bear and stand up under the strain and impact of His promises without staggering in unbelief. "Without faith it is impossible to please God," Heb. 11:6. Faith is the victory. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our FAITH." Don't be faithless and careless because we have enjoyed some degrees of success. We have only contacted God's great reservoir of power. When we become the men of God we can be, our power will be known around the world: not merely the little province in which we live, but God's world.

NEEDED—MEN OF WISDOM

"Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Wisdom is not synonymous with knowledge. "If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, . . . and it shall be given him," James 1:5. "He that winneth souls is wise." If we have not wisdom that is genuine, let us ask of God and He *will* give it to us. We cannot succeed without it. Daniel said, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

Yes, a man of wisdom is a spiritually-minded man, a man who is never leaning to the arm of poor weak flesh.

NEEDED—MEN OF PRAYER

A man who never prays is not God's man. "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Men, and women too, of today are too careless in their prayer life. God is looking for a praying man; without prayer all other preparations and qualifications are empty and vain. Many people of today pray only of necessity and never in real devotion. How then can we ever hope to be God's powerful men with scarcely fifteen minutes of time a day spent in prayer. The more earnestly and faithfully we pray, the more perfectly we become God's men. Great men are men of prayer. William Jennings Bryan was a man of sincere, conscientious prayer. He fought and he prayed to put pantheism, atheism, evolution, and monkeyism down and out of our schools and churches in his day—and all days, for that matter. Yes indeed, we need more John Husses today. He suffered and was hounded to death in his day (1414). Listen to what he said, "It is better for me to die," he said, "than to fall into the hands of a sin-avenging God by deserting the truth." He was a distinguished, praying man.

The only reason God is withholding the performance of miracles from among His people is because He does not have any men like Peter, Paul, James, and John, through whom to work His miracles. Men don't want to suffer. The Captain of our salvation was made "perfect through suffering." Do you notice, or have you ever noticed, that the last word of this clause is not "suffering" but "sufferings"? Someone has said that suffering is a wonderful fertilizer. to the roots of character. God very often uses strange instruments with which to deal with His children. He is disciplining, or in other words teaching, them to trust Him; therefore, men with the truth, many times, are His instruments through whom He leads His children to perfection. The Lord himself said, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets," Amos 3:7.

As the poet has wisely said,

"The storms of life rush madly, and it seems I cannot stand;
Then I long to hear my Savior, and I need His guiding hand.
There He stands amid the tempest—'It is I, be not afraid';
But I am weighted down with trials that should at His feet be laid.
In human weakness I seem to only see His face;
When I would go to meet Him there, high waves about me race.
He bids me, 'Come,' with outstretched arm; the seas calm at His will;
He grasps my hand, and to me now He whispers, 'Peace, be still.'
My hand in His, now waves may roll, but peace has come to me;
I only feel the quiet calm with such a friend as He."

NEEDED—MEN OF KNOWLEDGE

The knowledge in reference is not synonymous with wisdom. Knowledge accounts for *truth,* and the Lord Jesus Christ is truth. "Be thou prepared, and prepare thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them," Ezek. 38:7. We must put on the whole armor of God, if we expect the Lord to use us. Our contention may be that we are unable to be both learned and spiritual. A man of learning is far more in demand today than the man who is illiterate and has no training. God's men, like the apostles of old, must be able to meet the skeptical issues of our day, with their weapons of courage, knowledge, faith, and determination. In order to defeat the skeptic's arguments, you must first be fully qualified to make the challenge.

The indolent and unprepared man cannot be expected to succeed. It takes qualification and perseverance. We have in mind, when we use this title or subject—"Needed—Men"—the minister of the gospel, and we have endeavored to confine our thoughts to the minister of the gospel. We see large whitening fields before him in his career, such as is not before any other man, because no other profession carries the dignity, responsibility, or duty as this one. Therefore, his responsibility is to God, and those to whom he ministers. Yes, these men are needed today, but have we enough of them? God said, "I sought for a MAN among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land; that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Oh, the crying concern of us all, then, should be that God find all of His needed men. He said, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers," men that have engaged their hearts and qualified themselves for the ministry of the gospel. Perhaps we may have to get used to the rough seas with winds blowing hard and waves rolling high, which will give us an idea of the world conditions of today, brought about by passions of ungodly, unsaved, angry, wicked, sinful human beings aggravated by old Satan himself.

Let us stir up the gift of God by stepping into the gap for the land. The Lord told the prophet Ezekiel to prophesy against Edom (Esau) and tell the people He would lay their cities waste and make Edom desolate because "thou hast a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel . . . " Ezek. 35:1-11.

Yes, when we shall have become the men whom God is seeking, the sound of our voices shall be heard and shall bring joy and gladness to the hearts of men, but terror to hearts of men yielded to the devil. Lord, help us to be soldiers, worthy soldiers, of our Lord Jesus Christ. God grant skill in sowing the Word. May it be done diligently, uncompromisingly and faithfully, in season, out of season, today, tomorrow, next week, next year, or until Jesus says, "It is enough." A person wholly given to God must exercise the audacity of a soldier. Men of God, rightly armored, can stand in the gap and withstand any onslaught the devil chooses to bring against them. Hallelujah! Step in, brother, step in, the Lord needs you. Yes, you! Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord

MRS. JANE ROGERS

Psa. 33:1, *"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright."*

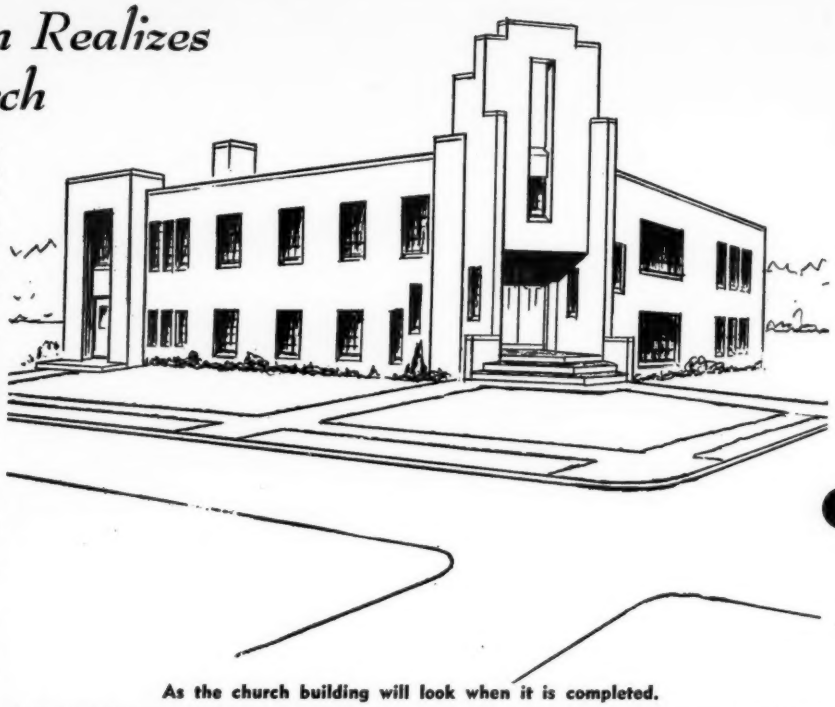
"Comely" means graceful or beautiful. How becoming it is to the saints to praise the Lord. Bless His holy name! He is so gracious. He is so wonderful. He is so merciful. He is so blessed. He is so good. He is so real. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. The air we breath even has the right amount of nitrogen (79 parts) and oxygen (21 parts). The water we drink likewise has the right amount of hydrogen and oxygen. The sun that shines has the same health-giving elements. The Lord loves praises from His people. I believe the reason He loved David so much was because David loved Him and praised Him so much. The Psalms are full of praises. They begin with the word "blessed" and end with "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

Suppose you sat in your office or home and had some friend come to you every day and beg something from you, some help one way or another, and he walked out with an indifferent air, never thanking or praising you for your generosity. Perhaps this happened day after day and you gave that individual everything for which he asked. Would this become tiresome to you? It is the same way with the Lord. Some will say, "Yes, but I am under such a burden." Maybe that is why you carry such a heavy load—you don't cast it on the Lord. Cast your burden on the Lord. His strong arm is able to carry every load we bear. But we get in such a habit of carrying them we seem to enjoy it a bit.

True, David had burdens, but they didn't get him down for long. All the way through the Psalms, praise would spontaneously break forth. Read the Psalms and see how praises are intermingled all the way through them. "The Lord is my light and my salvation." "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." "In him will I put my trust." "He is my shield and buckler, and my high tower." "I will bless the Lord at all times." "His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Surely, if David had all those things to praise the Lord about, we who know Jesus have many more things to praise Him for—for salvation through faith, for the blood that cleanses our souls and makes us happy in Him, for the healing of our bodies, for the Holy Ghost, for the Church and her holy teachings, for America in which we live, and for food in abundance when other nations are hungry. Oh, there are so many things for which to praise the Lord. Praise Him all ye people! Praise ye the Lord.

Pontiac, Michigan Realizes Lovely New Church



As the church building will look when it is completed.

In the fall of 1943, Rev. Brady Dennis accepted the pastorate of this church, serving in this capacity for the second year. The church has a membership of 108, and its many departments are functioning splendidly.

Under the leadership of Rev. C. W. Florence, a building fund was started and was continued by Rev. C. G. Carder. When Brother Dennis arrived, he, too, saw a larger building was needed. There was about $700 cash in the building fund and several hundred dollars pledged.

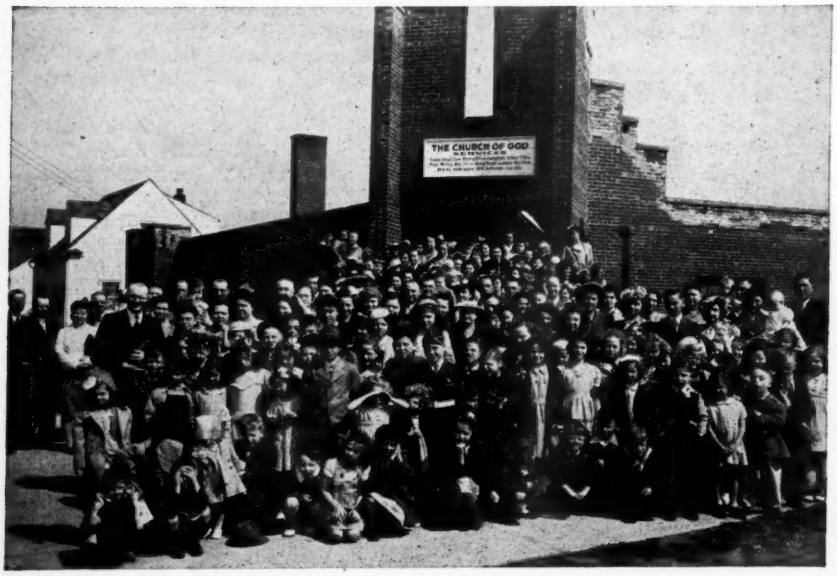
First, the field was cleared by having an ingathering and paying for over $500 worth of furniture for the parsonage. This was a great day, "Family Day." It will long be remembered.

On October 31, 1943, we had a business meeting and agreed to purchase two lots at the corner of East Pike at Anderson and to build a brick church, so the building program was launched.

February 27, 1944, was a very special day, when we dedicated our Service Flag and Honor Roll. The offering that was given to the building fund on this day was in honor of our boys in the Service, being, in cash and pledges, $3,184.32.

We had an all-day meeting on October 8, 1944, and God blessed. The people were very liberal and always ready to meet the needs, and on this particular day over $2,700 in cash and pledges was given.

The L.W.W.B. No. 2 had a lovely rug laid on the choir loft, minister's platform, and in front of the altar, at a cost of $600. The L.W.W.B. No. 1 saw the need of a new piano, and just as God would have it, they found a Baby Grand piano, just being overhauled and would be ready for delivery just in time for the opening service, at a cost of $400. The Sunday School purchased pews and the lighting fixtures, which cost quite a sum of money. Everyone was eager for God to have the best. The Y.P.E. purchased the lovely curtains for the choir loft and platform. They have also purchased the ministers' chairs. All had a part to play.



A group picture of the Pontiac, Michigan congregation, with the church in the background.

OPENING DAY

On December 24, 1944, the opening day, bright and early the people began to make their way to the house of God. I can almost see them now as they walked in. Oh! such a sacred occasion. Was it really true? Yes, all the hard work and sacrifices were only as a dream. We had a great Sunday School and worship service. God's presence was in the holy place, as we gave our thanks to Him, as many had made great sacrifices to see this accomplished.

DEDICATION

April 22 was another great day, this being the day of the dedication. Not only our people, but those who had heard much about our new church and our dedicatory service, came to

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Reports ▶ FROM THE FIELD

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Report From the Archers, Home on Furlough

It has been a great pleasure, after six years serving the Lord and the Church in foreign countries, to come home and meet the precious people who are making possible our great mission program in many countries, through your prayers and your giving.

We deeply regret that we have been able to visit only a few states and some conventions, so we write the rest of you, with hopes that at some later time we may have the privilege of meeting you all personally, and bringing to you a first-hand report of some of the mighty works God is unfolding in our church in other countries. We have always felt that you would all enjoy hearing, from the lips of the missionaries themselves, a report of what your missionary dollars and prayers are accomplishing, and those to whom we have gone most certainly have been kind in their expressions of pleasure and appreciation of our visits.

The joy of the Lord has been with us in the three or four revivals held since returning home. In Kannapolis, some one hundred fifty were saved, fifteen filled with the Spirit, and scores claimed a new sanctifying experience. The slain of the Lord filled the altars; many lying all night under the power of the Spirit, seeing visions of the Lord, the heavens and hell. Scores prayed all night.

In Albemarle, N. C., Sister Archer held a ten-day meeting, with about fifty saved and some twenty-five filled with the Spirit.

In Greenville, S. C., forty-two were saved and five filled with the Spirit. In these meetings the Lord healed many scores of sick people and worked miracles.—J. W. Archer.

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Revival and Home-Coming at Dalton

DALTON, Ga.—We are happy to report the success of our revival just closed, Sister Ann Brown, of Atlanta, Ga., doing the preaching. Not so many in number prayed through, but the altar services were good, and we feel that the good soul-stirring messages which Sister Brown brought will live on in the hearts of the people here, inspiring us to press on for Jesus.

The home-coming, too, was successful, just because of the presence of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Our good pastor, Brother Duck, had a splendid program throughout the day, and had the best co-operation from the visiting speakers I believe I have ever seen. There were no excuses rendered. As each speaker was called on, they were ready and willing and each sermonette was timely and to the point.

The Mauldin quartet from Atlanta was there and rendered many beautiful songs throughout the day. One of the most outstanding features of the day was that one of our sisters who has been afflicted for something like three years and confined to her bed the greater part of that time was able to be with us to enjoy the good blessings from the Lord. She has been afflicted with rheumatism and paralysis, and only those who have seen her and known her condition can realize how miraculous her being there was. She is seventy-six years old and better known as Grandma Stansell. The church presented her with a beautiful bouquet of carnations and gladiolas.

It would be impossible to mention all the good singers and speakers. Although we are over the top with missions, a good mission offering was taken.

In the afternoon, Brother Bixler and singers came down from Cleveland, Tenn. Their singing greatly blessed our souls, and Brother Bixler brought a wonderful message. He is a former pastor, and builder of the church we now worship in.

There are many more good things which we could tell you but will just sum it up by saying, " 'Twas good to have been there."—Mrs. Oscar Jackson.

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God washes the eyes by tears until they can behold the invisible land where tears shall come no more.—*Beecher.*

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Two Years of Wonderful Progress

McMINNVILLE, Tenn.—We praise the Lord for the progress of the Church of God here for the past two years. We have broken all previous records in every department. The Sunday School has doubled and we have had a gain in tithes of $1,900. In the picture below you will see our new parsonage, valued at $6,000, with Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Hunt standing in front, who have worked so faithfully to make our church and parsonage what it is. These past two years have been the most successful years in the history of this church in soul saving as well as finances. I have been here for thirty years and the gains have been very outstanding.—H. J. Durham, clerk.

Brother Hunt has done an excellent work here.—U. D. Tidwell, overseer of Tennessee.

Parsonage at McMinnville, Tennessee

Daily Vacation Bible School, Memphis, Tenn.

The Church of God at Memphis, Tennessee, had a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School, under the direction of Sam J. Fleming, who has been attending the Church of God Bible Training School and College. There was great interest shown throughout the school and a number were saved. One hundred were enrolled.—*Thea J. Jones, pastor.*

California Camp Meeting

The second camp meeting of the state of California is now on the pages of history, with blessed and sweet memory of the real feast we had up in the beautiful redwood forest, among the giant California redwoods of some five thousand years old, that stand up toward the blue skies, some of them being some sixty-five feet in circumference.

The meeting opened July 23, 7:30 P. M., with a large number present from all over the state, and our good overseer, Brother John E. Douglas, was in charge. The power began to fall from the first service, and lasted until the eight days were over. Some twenty-five received the Holy Ghost and fire, live or more receiving this blessing in one night. Many testified to being healed. By far, this was the greatest state meeting ever in the state, as stated by every one present. The Bible study each morning for three hours was one of the greatest services of the camp meeting. We studied the teachings of the Church of God, and how the Lord did bless in every service!

Each speaker was anointed with the mighty power of God to deliver the message, and the love and the unity that was felt in each meeting was outstanding. The speakers for the day services were Rev. R. Scott, Rev. V. Scheler, Rev. Drake, Rev. Oxford, Rev. Kidd, and Rev. Wilkins. The evening speakers were Rev. F. McClung, Rev. G. Thompson, Rev. I. Benge, Rev. W. Barnard, Rev. Griffen, and Rev. Sharp, with other outstanding speakers, also. The first two days were given over to the young people under the leadership of Sister I. Garlett, state superintendent. Long will linger the memory of the great feast of the California camp meeting.—W. M. Barnard.

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Great Progress at Dillon

DILLON, S. C.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are very happy to report the great progress the church has made here in Dillon. As a representative to you of the church in this small town, I can truthfully say that the church here is on fire for God and is ready and willing to fight all forces of evil and to hold the Church doctrines up in their highest ranks.

God is first and we give Him the thanks and the praise for the past progress, as well as that for the present and the future. We are also grateful to our fine pastor and brother in Christ, Rev. W. R. Craven, for his faithfulness and zeal to see the church move forward. He has encouraged and lightened many of our burdens and helped us to gain much confidence from the townspeople of all denominations. Among the fine things that have been accomplished with the Lord's help and the help of our faithful and zealous members is the installation of a large neon sign on the top of our church and the weekly radio programs that can be heard over the Dillon station, WDSC, every Sunday morning at nine o'clock until nine-thirty. We have reached many people with the message of life, who otherwise would never have the true gospel, and that is our entire purpose and aim in radio work.

We also have a great Sunday School march every Sunday morning. It is really a blessing to watch so many

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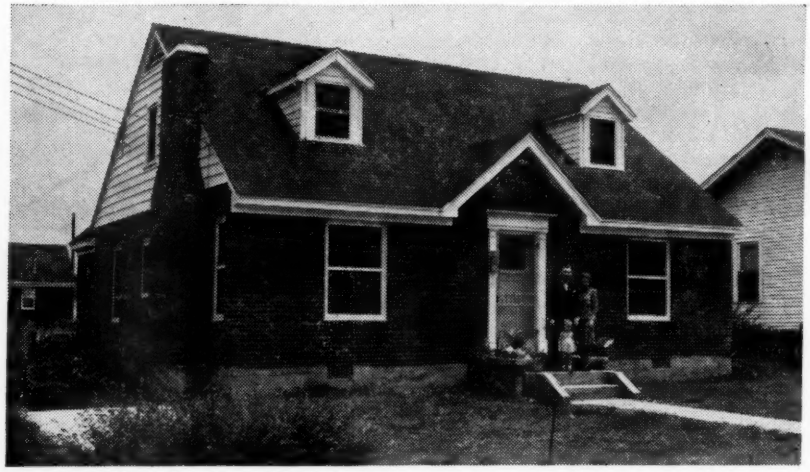
New Parsonage at Memphis, Tenn.



Here is the beautiful eight-room parsonage just completed by the Memphis, Tennessee, Church of God. This parsonage is modern in every respect, with an all-tile bath, plastered throughout, and heated with gas furnaces. It was built at a cost of $9,000 and has already been valued at $12,000.—*Thea F. Jones, pastor.*

...TESTIMONIES...

The Lord Has Spared My Life

UHRICHSVILLE, Ohio—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I am a reader of the Evangel and get so much good from reading it. I am a woman in my eightieth year. I have been a member of the Methodist church for over sixty years. I want to testify for my dear Savior who has done so much for me. I have been near death's door three different times, but the Lord has spared my life. I think He will spare our lives until our work is done.

Sometime ago I fell downstairs backward but was able to come back upstairs and go about my work. I cannot help but think the 91st Psalm was fulfilled in my case. It says, "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee . . . They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." There was a stone wall about two feet from the bottom of the stairs but I did not touch it.

Our heavenly Father is so good, if we only put our trust in Him and try to do His will. I think there never was a time when there was more need for the ministers of the gospel to stand on the walls of Zion and warn the people in such a way that it would set them to thinking, for, according to God's Word, the end draws nigh. I am praying for a mighty spiritual awakening and spiritual revival, praying that the people will quit worshiping vain and foolish things and worship God.—Mrs. Ida True, Dennison, Ohio.

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He Is All in All to Us

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—Dear Saints everywhere, I truly praise God this evening for what He means to me, and for His healing power. Oh, praise God, I feel His good presence right now as I try to write.

About one and a half years ago, our little daughter, eight years old at that time, had a very serious sick spell. She was out of school about seven weeks. The doctor said it was bad blood. Then he said she hardly had any blood.

She was in a very bad run-down condition. It looked like she was going to be taken from us. It seemed that our prayers didn't go anywhere.

One night, I lay beside her with the lights out so she could sleep. She was so thin, and stayed so cold all during the night. But I held on to the Lord. I spent that night in prayer, or most of it. When I finally went to sleep, I knew she was going to get well. I promised the Lord that night if He would heal her we would join the Church of God, and pay our tithes, and that I'd witness of her healing. Oh, glory, how I praise Him right now. The next morning she was so much better, and began eating. In less than a week she was up playing.

I kept my promise, and my husband and I both joined the Church. But saints, when we make a vow to Him He wants us to keep all of it, not just part of it. And I failed at that time. We weren't getting the Evangel, and I didn't send my testimony, as I had promised.

For about four months she went down hill again. She could hardly eat anything, and couldn't play like the other children. Her side and stomach hurt her at times so badly that she would turn pale. Her stomach was so sore she couldn't bear for me to lay my hand on it. Everything she ate hurt her. I sent in a request for prayer for her. It was in the January 26 Evangel. That same day, I received my Evangel, and husband and I prayed for her, and laid the Evangel on her. The Lord wonderfully blessed and she felt better. Next morning she ate a hearty breakfast. From the time prayer was prayed for her at the Publishing House, she was completely healed. She can't seem to get enough to eat, and nothing she eats has hurt her. All the soreness has gone, too. Oh, praise God. I don't doubt Him. I know He can strengthen her, and put flesh on her bones. I do praise Him for His goodness, and what He can do if we will just believe Him.

I feel like writing this for the glory of God. We can't ever do too much for Him.

Last summer my husband spilled hot iron in both shoes. His feet were burned so badly that the doctor gave him a pair of crutches, and told him when he came back to have his feet dressed he'd be walking on the crutches. But praise His good name, he never did have to use the crutches, although he was off from work nine weeks.

The doctor and nurse couldn't understand it. The first few times he went in, they would tell him how his feet were going to get, and that he had better be using the crutches the next time he came in.

Then when they saw he wasn't going to need them, they began to wonder and marveled about how his feet were healing. They said they never saw anything like it. But we knew why. We were continually talking to the Lord about it, and we knew what He could do. Many times, He has healed in our home. We couldn't do without Him. He is all in all to us.

Saints, pray that we will stay humble and always be ready to do anything He would have us do.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Stanton Crittenden, Route 2, Box 86.

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Loves God and His Church

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Dear readers of the Church of God Evangel: There are notes of praise deep down in my heart to God and the Church. The Church is the body through which Jesus has to work. Our hands are His hands. Bless His wonderful name! Today I love Him with all my heart. I know I love him because I love those with whom I live. We find in His Word, "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." Then, we find in 1 John 3:17, "But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Well, I can truly say the Church stood by me one hundred per cent. Truly the guiding hand of love divine keeps me in the land of the living. I owe my life to God and His Church. Whenever anyone of you need me or can use me in His cause, feel free to call one me. I love the Church of God and I am willing to work in any way God can use me. I am not strong in body just now, but I expect to be well and strong soon. Pray for me. I need wisdom from Him. He has called me to work for Him. Also pray for my unsaved people.—A sister in Christ, Annie Dowdy, 4215 Bull St.

If we are as full of the Spirit and love of God as we should be, those who associate with us will sooner or later want to become acquainted with our Lord and Master.

THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

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what modern society wants to tell us; that our young people are victims of the present-day social culture. THIS WE REPUDIATE! True, in a measure, we bend to the times but the same God who kept Shadrach, Meshack, Abednego, and the early Christians in Europe from submitting to the accepted standards of the society of their day, will give our youth the POWER to say, "NO"! Thank God for our institutions of learning and may they become more efficient and ever enlarging as they serve the youth of our Church.

What shall be my VOCATION, is a very real and burning question to all young people. Shall it be merchant, minister, housewife, nurse, social worker, lawyer, doctor, journalist, poet, painter, politician, farmer or what? Life's vocation must be chosen and we can have the answers that will help our young people. In fact, if we fail our youth, they will leave the fold of our Church and go elsewhere. Dr. Anton T. Boison, University of Chicago, writing for publication in the "Journal of Biology and Pathology of Interpersonal Relations," Volume 2, February, May, August, November, 1939, on "Economic Distress and Religious Experience," under the title "A Study of (a name we disclaim) Holy Rollers," tells of having attended our Assembly at Chattanooga as a trained expert to report his findings regarding the Pentecostal movement. He could not help but report many very fine things. One thing he said of deep and far-reaching significance was, "In so far as they (the Pentecostals) succeed in holding their young people, they are likely, in time, to become comfortable middle-class churches." We must be sympathetic, helpful and God-anointed if our youth is to be saved for Christ and His Church.

Our young people need guidance in one of life's most important steps; that of MARRIAGE. Our code of right living is not contemporary with the laws of America on divorce and remarriage; for our standards are based on the Bible which, as we well know, only gives one cause for divorce and remarriage. We must give faithful advice and warnings against the peril of marriage to persons of IRRECONCILABLE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, such as Catholics, Jews, Christian Scientists, Seventh Day Adventists, in fact, any person who denies the fundamental truths of God's Word and would deprive our young men and women the free unhindered worship of the Lord. It would be better to remain single than go to hell. It is reported that a certain quite beautiful, middle-aged lady brought surprise to a clergyman, in that she had not married. Upon being questioned in a friendly way, she replied, "Oh I have a substitute for a husband; I have a stove that smokes, a parrot that curses, and a cat that prowls around all night." Let us seek to give our assistance when at all possible, that our young people may be able to make choice of mates according to the will of God.

One of the most powerful means of guidance to our youth is through means of our youth literature. Therein can be contained articles of interest on any needed subject, submitted by our ministry. In my opinion, our youth publications should be cosmopolitan, and yet exclusive, to the extent that they are primarily for OUR YOUTH, and should be made to meet their needs.

We have all been heartened by recent efforts to provide WORSHIPFUL and RECREATIONAL programs for our youth. Now we have the beginnings in state youth conferences and the YOUTH CONFERENCE held during our Assembly at Birmingham, Alabama. The problems and needs of our young people can never be met with a mere shrug of the shoulders, but by the best efforts of our wide-awake, God-loving and God-fearing ministry. May our Lord help us as the MINISTRY, not to fail our youth!

PONTIAC, MICH., REALIZES LOVELY NEW CHURCH

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enjoy the feast. The building was filled. At least eighteen ministers were present. There were many special singers who rendered numbers, which added greatly to the service. The memories of this day will long live because of the blessings of God which showered the congregation. The dedicatory message was delivered by the state overseer. The offering amounted to approximately $2,400, which at present leaves a balance on the property of $2,000, with several hundred dollars in pledges to be paid in yet. The property is now valued at approximately $18,000. We thank God for all that has been done.

Our plans are that in the near future the second story will be completed, which will give us ample room for our now crowded Sunday School work. This we expect to be completed in 1947, D.V.

I wish to express personally, as overseer of the State of Michigan, my high respect, regard, and appreciation for Brother and Sister Dennis and the fine work they have carried on during the time of my administration, and I feel sure this is the feeling of the ministers of the state and likewise all the laymen that know them.—Houston R. Morehead.

REPORT FROM THE FIELD

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people, young and old, as they make their way on Sunday morning to our Sunday School. Our fine superintendent, Brother John Herring, gives all a hearty welcome and a smile of friendship as he sees the great number gathering for Sunday School.

We, as your co-worker for Christ, covet your prayers that our work will become greater than ever before and the great God we serve will have all glory. All of our past progress has not been accomplished through us but through Christ which liveth in us.—Ruby Boutwell.

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Truly a Wonderful Service

LOYALL, Kentucky.—July 16, 1946, the cornerstone was laid for the new Church of God at Loyall, Kentucky. Brother F. R. Harrawood was in charge of the service. Brother and Sister Evoy led the singing. Brother Harrawood gave the history of the church that was organized June 16, 1945, up to date. It truly was a wonderful service. God was with us in a gracious way. I am sure it will be long remembered by all present.

We owe a great part of our success to Brother and Sister Harrawood, who have labored with us so faithfully; also, Brother W. C. Evoy and his wife. Eternity alone can reveal all the good that has been accomplished by their untiring service. We praise God for everyone that has contributed in anyway to the cause.—Mrs. Roy Howard, clerk.

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MISSOULA, Montana—We are happy to report a successful three weeks' meeting here, closing July 28, conducted by Evangelist R. C. Arthur and party. Four testified to being saved, one received the Baptism and the church was greatly helped by the faithful efforts of the Arthur Evangelistic Party, as they permitted the Lord to use them in His service.

Sister Rachel Anglin of Berea, Kentucky, one of the party, conducted a two weeks' daily vacation Bible school, with thirty enrolled. Her efforts were deeply appreciated by the children and the Missoula church. The closing exercises of the school were exceptionally good. Several attended this service that had never been in the church before.

If you desire the service of an evangelistic party, we recommend to you the Arthur Evangelistic Party.—Glen E. Clark, pastor.

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LITTLE RIVER, Missouri—The Church of God at Little River, Missouri, has just closed a very successful revival with Brother A. S. Smiddy of Illinois as evangelist. There were about ten or eleven saved and many souls were blessed and drawn nearer to the Lord. The attendance was the best we have seen in a long time.

Brother Smiddy is an uncompromising preacher and I am sure he and his family will have a warm spot in the hearts of the people at Little River for a long time.—Earl T. Golden, pastor.

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LUXORA, Ark.—Dear Evangel Readers, the Church of God people have just closed a very good revival at my home, for which we praise the dear Lord. Brother P. S. Stanfield was in charge. He surely did some good preaching. The entire community was stirred. There were sixteen saved, eight sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Twelve were baptized in water. The meeting closed with good interest—the altar was full the last night. Pray for us.—S. D. Jones.

BUCHANAN, Ga.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother Clarence Kates doing the preaching. He is a real man of God and a great preacher. There were seven saved, three sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for the Church of God here. We want to go over the top for Jesus.—Mrs. Charlie Dentmon, Moddie Lee, clerk.

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CLAY CITY, Ky.—We have just closed a great revival here and there is great joy. Brother and Sister Curt Hughes came and started a revival July 28, which lasted until August 11. Two were reclaimed, one was sanctified and many were made to believe on God. Brother Hughes is a flaming fire for God. One was healed of lung trouble and came to church afterward. Some of the wonderful works of God were manifested in a great way.—Mrs. John Lairson, Walterville, Ky.

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SAYRE, Ala.—The Lord has given us a gracious revival at the Sayre, Ala., Church of God. Rev. J. C. Fuller, of Talladega, was the evangelist. The final report read twenty-three saved, ten sanctified and eight baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The church was greatly blessed in having this man of God come our way. Brother Fuller preached the old time way, that brought results. Believers were drawn closer to the Lord and began to labor in prayer for the lost. The altar was filled almost every night and testimonies given of definite experiences with the Lord.

The church and the friends of the church responded kindly to the expense of the meeting. During this time the Ladies' Willing Worker Band gave the pastor and the evangelist each a $50 suit of clothes.

Several additions were made to the church roll, which was only forty-nine members at the beginning of the revival. A building program has been launched by the pastor and some pledged toward a new church in this place. We praise God for His goodness. —T. E. Wood, Y. P. E. president.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

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be healed." And Jesus marveled at his faith, and turning to His disciples said, "I have not see such faith, no not in all Israel." Nay, Peter, James, John, Matthew, Mark, Luke, none of you Jews put me on the throne of the universe, making me 'boss' of everything like this Gentile did."

Unbelief puts the blind eyes, cancer, sin, etc., on the throne and pushes Jesus off; but Jesus is still the "boss" of these things, as well as of the winds and waves, and we can say to a boy going to the electric chair in half an hour, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Satan will say that his murder is too big for the blood of Jesus, but God says, "Come, let us reason together. It does not make any difference what your sins are, I can make them as white as snow," and if he will believe God like the thief on the cross, he will be with Jesus in heaven in half an hour.

Nothing grieves the Holy One of Israel as much as limiting His power. Mary and Martha, by putting death on the throne, instead of Him who is the resurrection and the life (the "boss" of death), made Jesus weep and groan in His spirit. Let us have faith in God and, like the centurion, put Him on the throne of the universe, so that He can do "mighty works" in the Twentieth Century, and if we do, we will shine as the stars forever.

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